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FROM : CIA Representative, *Alternate*
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SUBJECT: Revised Contribution to CFEP Staff Study No. 17,
"East-West Trade: Volume and Composition".

1. Transmitted herewith is the coordinated ORR revision of the Clandestine Trade section of CFEP Staff Study No. 17.

2. This revision differs from the earlier D/E draft in three major respects:

a. It reflects more up-to-date information on the composition of strategic East-West trade in 1954.

b. It estimates the dollar volume of unrecorded trade as distinguished from illegal, clandestine or strategic trade. As a result, the totals are somewhat lower but conform more closely to independent aggregative studies made by this Agency.

c. It introduces several qualifications and caveats.

3. In addition, the ORR estimate for 1953 exports of copper to the Soviet bloc has been reinstated. The retention of this estimate is considered essential in order to lay a basis for the over-all 1953 estimate and for the discussion of trends in strategic East-West trade during 1953 and 1954.

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